Williston, Florida

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Coordinates: 29°23′13″N 82°26′48″W

Williston is a city in Levy County, Florida, United States. As of the 2010 census it had a population of 2,768.[6] The city was established before 1885 by J.M. Willis, who named it after himself.[7]

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Geography [edit source]

Williston is located at 29°23′13″N 82°26′48″W (29.386811, -82.446706).[8]

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 6.8 square miles (17.5 km^2), of which 0.019 square miles (0.05 km^2), or 0.27%, is water.[6]

Demographics [edit source]

As of the census[4] of 2000, there were 2,297 people, 836 households, and 580 families residing in the city. The population density was 379.0 inhabitants per square mile (146.3/km^2). There were 915 housing units at an average density of 151.0 per square mile (58.3/km^2). The racial makeup of the city was 73.44% White, 22.81% African American, 0.78% Native American, 0.74% Asian, 0.44% Pacific Islander, 1.09% from other races, and 1.09% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 3.57% of the population.

There were 836 households, out of which 31.8% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 42.9% were married couples living together, 22.0% had a female householder with no husband present, and 30.6% were non-families. 25.6% of all households were made up of individuals, and 12.7% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.56 and the average family size was 3.03.

In the city the population was spread out, with 26.2% under the age of 18, 8.6% from 18 to 24, 25.2% from 25 to 44, 20.3% from 45 to 64, and 19.8% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 38 years. For every 100 females, there were 86.1 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 76.9 males.

The median income for a household in the city was $25,795, and the median income for a family was $26,918. Males had a median income of $22,331 versus $20,634 for females. The per capita income for the city was $15,628. About 22.4% of families and 22.6% of the population were below the poverty line, including 28.1% of those under age 18 and 22.5% of those age 65 or over.

Arts and culture [edit source]

Williston hosts the Central Florida Harvest and Peanut Festival every October.

Sports [edit source]

Devil's Den and Blue Grotto [edit source]

Williston is home to Devil's Den and Blue Grotto, popular diving spots and part of the extensive underground spring system present in the area.[10][11][12][13][14][15]

Kentucky Derby [edit source]

Williston is the birthplace of Foolish Pleasure, winner of the 1975 Kentucky Derby.[16]

Infrastructure [edit source]

Transportation [edit source]

The area includes Williston Municipal Airport (X60), a city-owned, public-use airport located two nautical miles (4 km) southwest of the central business district of Williston.

Climate [edit source]

The climate in this area is characterized by hot, humid summers and generally mild to cool winters. According to the Köppen Climate Classification system, Williston has a humid subtropical climate, abbreviated "Cfa" on climate maps.[17]

Education [edit source]

School Board of Levy County operates public schools:

- Williston High School (6-12)
- Williston Elementary School (3-5)
- Joyce Bullock Elementary School (PK-2)

Library [edit source]

Levy County provides Williston with a local library branch. The Williston Public Library is located in the former, historic Perkins State Bank; one of Florida's oldest banks.[18]

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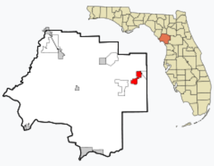
City

Southbound US 27-41 and SR 121 about to split in Williston, Florida

Motto(s): "Gateway to the Nature Coast"[1]



Location in Levy County and the state of Florida
Coordinates: 29°23′13″N 82°26′48″W

Country	United States
State	Florida
County	Levy
Government	
• Mayor	Jerry Robinson
Area[2]	
• Total	6.66 sq mi (17.26 km^2)
• Land	6.65 sq mi (17.21 km^2)
• Water	0.02 sq mi (0.05 km^2)
Elevation	75 ft (23 m)
Population (2010)	
• Total	2,768
• Estimate (2019)[3]	2,735
• Density	411.53/sq mi (158.89/km^2)
Time zone	UTC-5 (Eastern (EST))
• Summer (DST)	UTC-4 (EDT)
ZIP code	32696
Area code(s)	352
FIPS code	12-77825[4]
GNIS feature ID	0293351[5]
Website	www.willistonfl.org

Welcome sign for Williston, Florida, March 2019

Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1900	184	—
1910	371	101.6%
1920	823	121.8%
1930	940	14.2%
1940	890	−5.3%
1950	1,323	48.7%
1960	1,582	19.6%
1970	1,939	22.6%
1980	2,240	15.5%
1990	2,179	−2.7%
2000	2,297	5.4%
2010	2,768	20.5%
2019 (est.)	2,735[3]	−1.2%

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External links [edit source]

- City of Williston official website
- Williston Chamber of Commerce
- Williston, Florida, at City-Data.com

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v · t · e	**Municipalities and communities of Levy County, Florida, United States** [hide]
	County seat: **Bronson**
Cities	Cedar Key · Chiefland · Fanning Springs‡ · **Williston**
Towns	Bronson · Inglis · Otter Creek · Yankeetown
CDPs	Andrews · East Bronson · East Williston · Manatee Road · Morriston · Rainbow Lakes Estates‡ · Raleigh · Williston Highlands
Unincorporated communities	Fowler's Bluff · Gulf Hammock · Rosewood · Sumner
Footnotes	‡This populated place also has portions in an adjacent county or counties
	Florida portal · United States portal
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